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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED **PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1631** 

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

Tuomanen et al.

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Marianne P. Allen

For:

A POLYPEPTIDE COMPRISING THE AMINO ACID OF AN N-TERMINAL

CHOLINE BINDING PROTEIN A TRUNCATE, VACCINE DERIVED

THEREFROM AND USES THEREOF

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 (Formatted According to February 25, 2003, Official Gazette Notice)

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 6, 2003, and is presented in the "Revised Amendment Format" that is now permitted pursuant to the Official Gazette Notice of February 25, 2003. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

Please amend the above-identified application according to the attached pages.